

Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2018 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

I. Introductions

MPAC members present:

Co-Chair Rebekah Scheinfeld, CDOT
Co-Chair Adam Becker, Consortium to Lower Obesity in
Chicago Children (CLOCC)
AARP – Terri Worman
Access Living – Mary Rosenberg
Active Transportation Alliance – Julia Gerasimenko
CMAP – John O'Neal
CLOCC – Eric Goodwin
Department of Public Health – Margarita Reina

Lurie Children's Hospital – Dr. Karen Sheehan
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) –
Laurie Dittman
Metropolitan Planning Council – Audrey Wennink
Chicago Dept. of Transportation: Lauren Crabtree, Eric
Hanss,
Others present: Trina Grieshaber, Debbie Liu, Allan
Mellis, Courtney Kashima, Robert Schultz, Franklin
Young, Stacey Meekins, Katie Witherspoon, Romina
Castillo

II. Approval of Minutes - The February, 2018 MPAC minutes were approved.

III. Pedestrian Crash/Fatality Update

- a. There were 18 pedestrian fatalities in 2018 up to date. Nine of these fatalities took place in April.
- b. 10 of these fatalities happened in Vision Zero High Crash Areas or High Crash Corridors.
- c. The increasing number of crashes in April reflects an alarming trend.

IV. Vision Zero Update

- a. A new Vision Zero team lead by Sam Schwartz will coordinate citywide efforts.
- b. The City is in the process of hiring a new Vision Zero coordinator.
- c. Vision Zero West Side will host a Summer Event Series with more details to come.
- d. The Steering Committee met in April to continue pushing forward implementation strategies.
- e. Downtown Task Force will roll out early this summer.
- f. Vision Zero South Side outreach will most likely begin in the fall. The VZ team is trying to secure more funding.

V. Non-Governmental Partners Discussion Update

- a. MPAC Non-Governmental Partners (CLOCC, Lurie Children's IPRC, Active Transportation Alliance, and AARP) met on April 23 to discuss strategies their organizations could commit to pushing forward pedestrian/walkability initiatives and to support Vision Zero.
- b. Five broad goals and three strategies to achieve those goals were identified by partners.
- c. Partners agreed to continue this conversation and to convene in between MPAC meetings.

6. Walkability Assessment in Chinatown

- a. The Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community partnered with CLOCC to conduct walkability assessments in Chinatown in 2017. A new report with their findings was released early this year.
- b. The Assessment evaluated 34 intersections and 51 blocks at three different time periods.
- c. 100 community members participated
- d. A list of recommendations was made in three main buckets: infrastructure improvements, amenities improvements and Educational campaigns.
- e. The full plan can be found at cbcacchicago.org

7. Public Comment

- a. Access Living has received concerned calls about the lack of accessible parking at Foster Beach

8. Adjournment